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1. FOLLOWING ARE "CONCLUSIONS" OF SYG'S NOVEMBER 8 REPORT CONCERNING SPANISH SAHARA(S/11874). TEXT OF PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 22 OF REPORT, REFERRED TO IN "CONCLUSIONS", TRANSMITTED IN PARA 3 OF THIS MESSAGE.

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32. ON THE BASIS OF THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO ME BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ITS RESOLUTION 379(1975), I HAVE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED MY CONSULTATIONS AT HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND INTERESTED. AS STATED IN THIS REPORT, I ALSO SENT A SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE AREA IN ORDER TO CONVEY MY SERIOUS PREOCCUPATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION. AT THE SAME TIME, I ENTRUSTED HIM WITH THE TASK OF DISCUSSING A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAD EMERGED DURING THESE CONSULTATION AT
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HEADQUARTERS SO THAT THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES COULD BE FURTHER

CLARIFIED. THE RESULTS OF MY CONSULTATIONS AT HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS OF THE VISITS BY MY SPECIAL ENVOY ARE SET OUT IN THIS REPORT.

33. ALTHOUGH ALL PARTIES INDICATED THEIR READINESS TO ATTRIBUTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AN APPROPRIATE ROLE IN A FUTURE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF WESTERN SAHARA, CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST AMONGST THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND INTERESTED. MOROCCO STILL INSISTS ON A TRILATERAL SOLUTION AMONG SPAIN, MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT READY TO ACCEPT THE BASIC APPROACH CONTAINED IN THE SUGGESTIONS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE. ALGERIA FIRMLY INSISTS ON A MULTILATERAL APPROACH BASED ON THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. ALGERIA, THEREFORE, ACCEPTS THE BASIC APPROACH CONTAINED IN THE SUGGESTIONS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE. MAURITANIA MAINTAINS ITS PREFERENCE FOR THE MOROCCAN APPROACH. SHOULD THIS FAIL, IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER OTHER SOLUTIONS. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, AGREE TO THE SUGGESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 8 AS QUALIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 22 ABOVE. SPAIN WOULD ENVISAGE ANY SOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR ENDORSED BY ITS COMPETENT ORGANS. IN THE MEANTIME, SPAIN WAS DETERMINED TO EXERCISE FULLY ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER. SPAIN CONFIRMED THAT THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE WERE ACCEPTABLE TO IT.

34. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO ME BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ITS RESOLUTIONS 377(1975), 379(1975) AND 380(1975), I SHALL CONTINUE MY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND INTERESTED. I WISH TO STATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE OUTCOME OF THESE CONSULTATIONS DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE WILL OF

ALL THE PARTIES TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

35. THE ENTRY OF THE "GREEN MARCH" INTO WESTERN SAHARA HAS SERIOUSLY INCREASED THE TENSION IN THE AREA. SHOULD THE SITUATION FURTHER DETERIORATE, THE CHANCES FOR A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WOULD BE INCREASINGLY JEOPARDIZED. UTMOST RESTRAINT IS, THEREFORE, OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID A TRAGEDY AND TO KEEP OPEN THE PATH TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

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8. THESE SUGGESTIONS WERE BASED ON A POSSIBLE DECLARATION BY SPAIN TO WITHDRAW FROM WESTERN SAHARA ON A GIVEN DATE AND ON AN APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS THAT MIGHT INCLUDE TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY BY THE UNITED NATIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE WISHES OF THE POPULATION OF WESTERN SAHARA COULD BE ASCERTAINED. THE PARTIES WOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD AGGRAVATE THE TENSION IN THE AREA.

WITHOUT IN THEMSELVES CONSTITUTING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE
DECOLONIZATION OF WESTERN SAHARA, THESE SUGGESTIONS WOULD HAVE
MADE IT POSSIBLE, IF AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES, TO REDUCE
THE EXISTING TENSION AND PAVE THE WAY FOR A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL

AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE DECOLONIZATION OF WESTERN SAHARA.

2. IF A TRILATERAL AGREEMENT WERE NOT FEASIBLE, MAURITANIA WOULD
BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 8
ABOVE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STATES WHICH HAD RIGHTS
OVER THE TERRITORY THAT WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE IN ITS ADVISORY OPINION, WOULD, IN ONE
FORM OR ANOTHER, BE CONSULTED WHEN A UNITED NATIONS TEMPORARY
ADMINISTRATION WAS SET UP AND, IF POSSIBLE, WOULD BE ASSOCIATED
WITH IT SOPERATION.

4. FULL REPORT DATAFAXED DEPARTMENT(IO/UNP-WILLIAMSON).
NO PLANS ARE YET AFOOT FOR WEEK-END CONSULTATIONS OR SC
MEETING ON SAHARA, TO DISCUSS SYG'S REPORT.
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